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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS:  
SUBJECT: ERW: ALLIED CONSULTATIONS

REF: A) STATE 069792 B) USNATO 02802

1. AMBASSADOR ON MARCH 18 CALLED ON POLITICAL AFFAIRS  
DIRECTOR CHRISTIANSEN (THE FONMIN AND HIS TWO PRINCIPAL  
DEPUTIES ARE OUT OF THE COUNTRY) TO DISCUSS MARCH 20 NAC  
CONSULTATIONS, PER REF A. CHRISTIANSEN HAD RECEIVED THE  
TALKING POINTS EARLIER FROM THE NORWEGIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.  
HE SAID THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAD BEEN APPRISED OF THEM  
PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR CHINA.

2. CHRISTIANSEN INDICATED THAT THE GON, WHILE WELCOMING THE  
DECISION TO ADDRESS THE ERW MATTER WITHIN THE DISARMAMENT CONTEXT,  
PREFERS TO SEE IT DONE WITHOUT A DECISION TO PRODUCE THE WEAPON.  
HE SAID THAT THE GON HOPED THAT, IN BRUSSELS, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE  
TO REACH A SUMMING UP THAT DID NOT INCLUDE A PRODUCTION DECISION  
OR AN ACCEPTANCE OF READINESS TO DEPLOY THE WEAPON.

3. CHRISTIANSEN SAID THAT THERE WERE STRONG POLITICAL AND  
INSTITUTIONAL CONSTRAINTS AS WELL AS CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC  
OPINION PRESSURE THAT PRECLUDED THE GON FROM SUPPORTING A SUMM-  
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ING UP THAT INCLUDES PRODUCTION.

4. THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR SAID THAT WHILE LINKAGE TO  
THE SS-20 APPEARED TO BE A GOOD OPTION, THE GON FELT THAT THE  
SPECIFIC LINKAGE DECISION WAS ONE WHICH RESTED MORE WITH THE  
US AND THE USSR; THAT THE GON WOULD BE PREPARED TO LISTEN  
TO THE U.S. ON THIS OR SUCH OTHER LINKAGE POSSIBILITIES AS

THE US DEEMED ADVISABLE.

5. IN THE MATTER OF PERMREP VIBE'S FLEXIBILITY AT THE  
MARCH 20 MEETING, CHRISTIANSEN SAID THAT VIBE WOULD HAVE SOME  
MARGIN, AND WOULD TO A GREAT EXTENT "PLAY IT BY EAR."  
CHRISTIANSEN DID NOT GIVE A DEFINITE REPLY ON THE POSSIBILITY  
OF VIBE REMAINING SILENT, BUT STATED AGAIN THAT THE GON CANNOT  
ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH AN ERW PRODUCTION DECISION.  
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